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Re: Mira Loma Facility Title 24 California Code of Regulations Review

Dear Sheriff Baca:

At the request of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department (LASD,) the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) performed a review of the Mira Loma Detention facility on September 27, 2012. The purpose of the review was to determine compliance with applicable physical plant standards for local detention facilities as found in CCR Title 24, Minimum Standards for Adult Facilities. Mira Loma was last inspected by our office (Board of Corrections at the time) March 28, 1991. Since the 1991 inspection LASD held only federal prisoners at the Mira Loma facility which eliminated the requirement for the BSCC to inspect the facility. As you are aware the BSCC is responsible for inspecting local detention facilities holding local prisoners. In the event the department decides to start holding local prisoners again the BSCC will then include the facility in the biennial inspection cycle.

Field Representative Michael Bush and I met with Commander Stephen Johnson, Captain Jody Sharp and several other staff members to assess the viability of operating Mira Loma as a local detention facility compliant with Title 24. We determined that the facility can be operated compliant with Title 24 Minimum Standards with minimal or no modifications based on the RC desired.

Our historical records indicate that a variance was granted in February of 1974 regarding *Audio Monitoring* in the facility. Currently the facility does not have audio monitoring in the dormitories. I have attached a copy of the Variance to this letter and several copies were given to your staff at the on site visit. The Variance will remain in effect provided the department posts a staff person in each dorm as indicated in the Variance. However, regulations do not require a staff person in each dorm, it is only required because there is no audio monitoring. If the department decides to add audio monitoring they may adjust the staff deployment.

1973 Title 15 Section 1083 (b) (Physical plant regulations fell under Title 15 in 1973, Title 24 was created after Mira Loma facility was built) states:

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“There shall be an audio or video or combination audio-video monitoring system in all prisoner housing units which shall be capable of alerting personnel stationed in a central control point so that they may respond to emergencies such as assaults, calls for assistance, etc.”

The Mira Loma facility consists of 18 dorm housing units, 3 Administrative Segregations areas and 12 Discipline cells. We reviewed housing units along with program space, kitchen and eating facilities, recreation yards, visiting, and the processing area. As indicated above we found the facility to be Title 24 compliant based on certain Rated Capacities (RC). The Title 24 Regulations that may come in to effect based on the RC are as follows:

Title 24 Section, 470A.2.9.2 Dayrooms –Contain tables and seating to accommodate the maximum number of inmates allowed access at a given time.

Title 24 Section, 470A3.1 Toilets and Urinals-In dormitories, toilets/urinals must be provided in a ratio to inmates of 1:10.

Title 24 Section. 470A3.2 Wash Basins- In dormitories, wash basins must be provided in a ratio to inmates of 1:10.

The following outlines three different Rated Capacity options (RC):

First Option

Mira Loma can be opened immediately to house local prisoners with no physical plant modifications. The RC in each dorm (dorms 7-22) is 40 based on existing table and chairs. The RC for Dorm's E and F is 120 for each dorm (provided there are table and chairs to accommodate 120 inmates for each dorm). E and F dorms will remain at 120 due to fixtures and square footage requirements. The total RC for the facility would be 880 inmates. See attached Living Area Space Evaluation for further details.

Second Option

The RC may be increased to 50 for each dorm based on fixtures (toilets/wash basins) provided there are enough tables and seating to accommodate 50 inmates. The ten additional tables and seats can be either portable or fixed (there were additional bench/table units in common areas throughout the facility that could be used if necessary). Dorms E and F capacity will remain at 120 each. The total facility RC would then be increased to 1040 inmates.

Third Option

The RC can be increased to 60 inmates per dorm based on fixtures if the department adds a toilet and wash basin to each dorm and there are enough tables and chairs to accommodate 60 inmates. Dorms E and F capacity will remain at 120 each. The total facility RC would then be increased to 1200 inmates.

The physical plant checklist attached to this letter goes in to further detail about the facility overall. The kitchen appeared clean, well maintained and operational. Although we look at the overall facility, it is a requirement for the facility to be inspected by the local health department and the state or local

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fire authority. Mira Loma has been inspected by the fire authorities but currently needs a medical/mental health, environmental and nutrition inspection.

This concludes our Technical Assistance review for the Mira Loma facility. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions or need further assistance with the facility.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Magi Work".

Magi Work
Field Representative
Facilities Standards and Operations

cc: Cecil W. Rhambo Jr, Assistant Sheriff, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department
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Jodie Sharp, Captain, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department